

I support media diversity

Dear Sir,

I am deeply concerned by the proposed consolidation of media ownership. I think it is deeply threatening to the free flow of ideas which is essential to a democracy. At a time when fewer people than ever are participating in our democracy, limiting access to points of view will accelerate a trend towards non-participation, apathy and lack of information about important issues. The world is deeply complicated and the effective functioning of a democracy depends on a populace exposed to as much information as possible and able to make discriminating judgments among different points of view.

In fact, the poor publicity about this issue, and the unwillingness of the FCC to hold significant public hearings already point to the danger of letting too few people choose the news that is considered worthy to disseminate. The FCC should allow more time for hearings, should publicize them widely and encourage contemporary media outlets to give time and coverage to this issue.

Our democracy is too important to waste.

Sincerely,

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